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REGIONAL APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL SECURITY

Working paper submitted by Ecuador*

1. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

   1.1. Influence of regional disarmament on international peace and security.

   1.2. Influence of a global security environment on regional disarmament.

2. CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION BY REGIONS.

   2.1. Identification of regions historically defined.

   2.2. Elements that integrate a group of States within a region.

3. REVIEW OF EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND SYSTEMS IN VARIOUS REGIONS.

   3.1. Classification of viable regional security arrangements or systems.

   3.2. Identification of characteristics of the regional security arrangements or systems.

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3.3. Identification of factors which could lead to the accomplishment of such security arrangements.

3.3.1. Interregional factors.

3.3.2. Extraregional factors.

4. PRINCIPLES OF REGIONAL DISARMAMENT.

4.1. Sovereignty of States.

4.2. Setting priorities in a disarmament process.

4.3. Confidence-building measures.

5. REGIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENDA.

5.1. Influence of international peace and security in the adoption of a regional disarmament agenda in each region.

5.2. Bilateral relations between States of a region and the adoption of a regional disarmament agenda.

5.3. Items to be included in a regional disarmament agenda (if issues mentioned in 5.1 and 5.2 would not interfere in the process).

- Confidence- and security-building measures;
- Establishment of zones of peace;
- Establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones;
- Arms limitation and disarmament agreements;
- Regulations on international transfer of arms and military technology;
- Reduction of military budgets;
- Reduction of military forces.

6. WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE A REGIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENDA. (If issues mentioned in 5.1 and 5.2 would not interfere in the process).

6.1. Confidence-building processes.

6.2. Extraregional participation.

6.3. Forums.

6.3.1. Forums on peace, security, cooperation and development.

6.3.2. Participation of regional organizations.

6.3.3. Regional agreements in specific areas of arms limitation or disarmament.

(a) Provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter.

(b) Bilateral agreements within a region.

(c) Multilateral agreements.

7. ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN A REGIONAL APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL SECURITY.

7.1. Establishing, where appropriate, mechanism for verification of compliance with regional treaties and agreements.

7.2. Enhancing the United Nations regional security early warning system(s).

7.3. Enhancing existing regional commissions as an integral part of efforts for promoting regional peace and security.

7.4. Enhancing the existing United Nations regional centres for peace, disarmament and development.